

Ball of the Year Torquay

The Old Time Dance Society Ball of the Year Weekend Torquay May 2025



Picture: Above Friday leaders Christine Clay & Tony Raybould leading the Military Two Step

The Old Time Dance Society celebrated their 40th Ball of the Year on Saturday 24 May 2025 at the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay. We had a full house of 80 members for the three day event and the whole event was a fantastic success. The leaders on Friday, Christine Clay and Tony Raybould got the weekend off to a great start with an Old Time programme including some dances that have not been on event programmes for some years, La Czarine, The Military Two Step and the Imperial Waltz but the floor was full for all the dances on the programme. Christine and Tony had a Ladies privilege dance and a general excuse me dance, we have had ladies privilege before although not for a few years but the general



excuse me was new to a lot of the members and was great fun with many partners being swapped and re swapped again. All the dancers were given a red rose button hole for the Ruby Anniversary Ball that was led by Kath and Keith Jackson. What a fantastic celebration of Old Time Dancing we had. Kath and Keith had stepped in to lead the programme when the original leaders had to withdraw. Kath and Keith are a couple who never let the Society down and they pulled out all the stops for this special occasion. On the Sunday night Lisa Champion led with Nigel Carter who had stepped in when her partner had to pull out due to unforeseen circumstances. Lisa and Nigel with the support of Hilary Carter led and danced beautifully another mostly traditional

Picture: Below Sunday leaders Lisa Champion & Nigel Carter with David Last



Picture: Above Saturday leaders Kath & Keith Jackson

Old Time programme. Lisa's brilliant smile lit up the ballroom and Nigel's witty funny commentary helped to promote a relaxed evening with much laughter to finish off the three days of dancing. Throughout the event we had the wonderful music of David Last who with the leaders made this a successful event for the members to enjoy in celebration of our Ruby Anniversary Ball.

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